attains the age of 65 years whichever is earlier. Prof. S. K. Khanna, former Secretary, UGC was appointed as Vice-Chairman, UGC for a term of 3 years with effect from 28.6.90.

Poor Result of XIIth Exam of CBSE

941. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 301 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the result of the CBSE examination declared recently has shown poor pass percentage in Class XIIth of Govt. Schools in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of decline in the pass percentage during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Govt. propose to have a thorough review of the Govt. school system in Delhi to identify the causes for poor performance; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Governmenot in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir, in so far as the Government Schools run by the Delhi Administration are concrned.

(b) During the three year period of 1989-92 the pass percentage of Government Schools run by Delhi Administration in the Senior School Certificate (Class XII) examination conducted by the CBSE has declined by the annual rates of 10.8 per cent in 1990, 13.6 per cent in 1991 and 3.0 per cent in 1992.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by the Delhi Administration, a Committee is proposed to be constituted by the Lt. Governor of Delhi.

Funds to Delhi University

942. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item captioned "U.G.C. cut in grants hits varsity plans" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 28th June, 1992;

(b) if so, whether the University Grants Commission has cut down in grants to Delhi University;

(c) whether due to cut in grants, the expansion plan of the Delhi University has been affected at large;

(d) if so, the details of grants University Grants Commission made available to Delhi University during the last three years; yearwise; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to provide adequate funds to University Grants Commission to meet the financial requirements of various Universities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Central Universsities are fully funded by the Central Government through UGC. Keeping in view the present constraints on the availability of financial recources, Central Government has decided to maintain the level of non-plan expenditure of all Ministries|Departments and Autonomous Bodies during 1992-93 at the level of last year. UGC informed Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, including Delhi University, and

Principals, of Delhi Colleges accordingly.

The Minister of Human Resource Development held consultations with Chairman, UGC and Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities to consider measures to mitigate the financial difficulties being faced by them. On the basis of these consultations, the Commission has withdrawn its earlier orders in regard to freezing of the maintenance grants of the above institutions during the current financial year.

According to the information furnished by UGC the following non-plan grants were released by the Commission to the University of Delhi during the last three years:

(Rs. in lakh)

1989-90	2017·95
1990-91	2408·37
1991-92	2501·41

Financial crisis in Vishva-Bharati University

943. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Visva-Bharati Universty in West Bengal is facing economic crisis;

(b) if so, whether it is due to cut in Grant by University Grants Commission; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that this prestigious university runs smoothly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Central Univerities are fully funded by the Central Government through University Grants Commission (UGC). Keeping in view the present constraints on the availability of resources, Central Government has decided to maintain the level of non-plan expenditure of all Ministries|Departments and autonomous bodies during 1992-93 at the level of last year. UGC informed Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, including Visva-Bharati, accordingly.

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944. [*Transferred to the 23rd July 1992*]

राष्ट्रीय खान नीति

945. **श्री विनोद शर्मा** : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने वर्ष 1990 में राष्ट्रीय खान नीति की घोषणा की थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार इस नीति में कतिपय संशोधन करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन संशोधनों की क्या आवश्यकता है; और

(घ) इस आवश्यकता को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार नई राष्ट्रीय खान नीति कब तक घोषित करने का विचार रखती है?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) और (ख) जी हां ।

(ग) और (घ) 1991 में औद्योगिक नीति विवरण की घोषणा तथा हाल के